GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Status of PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads constructed in kilometers under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received requests from various State Governments seeking more grants under the scheme to construct more number of roads, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned all the requests made by the State Governments under the scheme, and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government is aware that there is still a large number of roads required to be constructed particularly in backward regions to facilitate the overall progress of the rural sector, and if so, the details thereof, and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a)to(d): 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of the Government of India to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the Core Network. Projects under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) are executed by State Governments through their designated agencies i.e. State Rural Roads Development Agencies (SRRDAs) at the State level and Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) at the district level. The programme envisages connecting all eligible unconnected habitations with a population of 500 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in plain areas and 250 persons and above (as per 2001 Census) in Special Category States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttrakhand), Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the Desert Areas (as identified in Desert Development Programme) and in Selected Tribal and Backward Districts (as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission). For most intensive IAP blocks as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs, the unconnected habitations with population 100 and above (as per 2001 census) are eligible to be covered under PMGSY. The PMGSY permits upgradation (to prescribed standards) of existing rural roads in districts where all the eligible habitations of the designated population size have been provided all weather road connectivity.

The unit of implementation of PMGSY is a habitation and not a revenue village.

The Government has also launched PMGSY-II which envisages consolidation of the existing Rural Road Network to improve its overall efficiency as a provider of transportation services for people, goods and services. It also focusses to cover upgradation of existing selected rural roads (Through Routes and Major Rural Links) based on their economic potential and their role in facilitating the growth of rural market centre and rural hubs.

As per the programme guidelines of PMGSY, the State Governments are required to submit Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to the Ministry of Rural Development for construction of roads and bridges under PMGSY. The project proposals are scrutinized by National Rural Roads Development Agency (NRRDA), which is the technical arm of the Ministry of Rural Development, to ensure that the proposals have been made duly vetted by the State Technical Agencies (STAs). The proposals of the States are then placed before the Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee chaired by Secretary (RD) in the Ministry of Rural Development, for its consideration and the proposals meeting the requirements prescribed in the programme guidelines are approved by the Government of India. Since inception of PMGSY, out of 1,83,599 eligible habitations, the Ministry of Rural Development has given clearance for connecting 1,51,494 habitations and the States have reported that 1,19,220 habitations have been connected by constructing/upgrading 4,81,354.34 Km road as on 30.6.2016. State-wise details of roads constructed since inception of PMGSY are given in Annexure-I. Since inception, the Ministry has released Rs.1,39,158,02 Cr and the States have reported an expenditure to the tune of Rs.1,50,147.87 Cr. (till 30.6.2016). State-wise details of Central funds released during 2016-17 are given in Annexure-II.

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